

An Account of the Barbarous Attempt of the Jesuites upon Mr. De Luzancy, upon his Conversion to the PROTESTANT RELIGION.

To the READER.

THE Occasion of Publishing this, is to Satisfie the World of the Indefatigable Industry of the Jesuites, in carrying on their wicked Design; and that this Attempt upon the Person of Mr. De Luzancy is sufficient to Convince the whole World, that they will not onely stick to take away the Fame, but the Lives of Princes, to promote their Bloody Religion. As for the latter, Histories have Examples enough; and for the former, the first of the six ensuing Heads of St. Germin's wicked attestations (though most abominably false and Treasonable) is a sufficient Proof, there being no Protestant Prince that hath done more for the security and satisfaction of his Subjects than his most Gracious Majesty, whom God long preserve from all the Plots and Conspiracies of the St. Germins and Colemans, which last was recommended to the Correspondence of Mr. Le Chese, by the said St. Germin; for the Apprehending of whom upon this horrid Account, a Proclamation was Issued out by His Majesty, bearing date Novemb. 10th. 1675.

THE Fourth of October, a French Jesuite, by Name St. Germin, in Company with another Man, whom by his Language I perceived to be a French-man, and whom I have understood since to be also a Jesuite, came into my Chamber as it began to grow dark: They began very Civily with me; so having desired them to take Seats, and sent for Light, the said St. Germin asked of me, whether he might speak freely in my Chamber, without danger of being over-heard. I Answered, yes; and that there was no body above, nor below to hear them. Then the said St. Germin was pleased to bestow on me many Injurious words, calling me *Hugonot*, *Renegado*, and Man without Faith, that had brought a Horrid Scandal upon the Church, who was bound in Duty to expiate so great a Crime, to go back for *France*, and spend there the rest of my days in a Monastery. As I was about to Reply, his Companion, speaking *French*, said, there was no need of so much Reasoning, it being an easie matter to stab or convey me away; and that they were ready to do it, should I speak one word more; and that they had three more fit for that purpose, in case I should refuse to do as they would have me: So continuing their threatnings, they made me promise them that I would depart from *England*, and go over in a Yatch His Majesty had granted to a Catholick Lord, who was going to *France*, or in a Ship was going for *Rachel*: They engaged themselves at the same time to write to the Rector of the Jesuites there in my behalf, and bidding me not to trouble my self any further, for they would furnish me with Bills of Exchange to the value of 400 *l. sterling*, and more, if need required, the Person they were employed by sparing no money for so good a Use: the said St. Germin added, to make sure of you, we think it necessary you should Copy over, and set your Hand to this writing; so giving me the Paper, I took it, desiring first leave to read it: I found it contained a Recantation in terms abominable of all I had spoken in general, and in particular against the Church of *Rome*, and was full of Horrid Slanders and Calumnies against all the Protestants, their Bishops and Ministers, with a thousand Impieties, not fit to set down here. I therefore rising off my Seat, I refused both to Copy and set my Hand to their Paper, at which St. Germin riseth up in Anger, and runs to the Door to call the Men that were ready to convey me away, or stab me. I was affrighted out of my wits and all my senses; then all in a Trance I took the Paper, and Copied it over, and put my Hand to it, having as well as I could in the Condition I was, first put out, and changed several things that were against Bishops and Ministers: The two Jesuites satisfied with this, took their leave of me, threatning, that if I should speak one word of what passed, they would have my Soul out of my Body, which would be always an easie thing for them to do, since they had of their People every where Men of Execution, and were Resolved to kill me, in case I would not depart when they should think fit, as my Promise was. These Gentlemen having left me, I came to my self, and began to consider what I had done; I concluded my fault was great, and after many Reflections I judged the best way was, cunningly to get my Writing out of their Hands; I have since tryed it several times, dissembling for this purpose with the said St. Germin, and telling him that I would see it onely to add something to it that was more material for the Satisfaction of the *Roman Church*, and changing some other things less to their purpose, but in truth, to tear it in pieces, if I could have it, but all in vain: So seeing they would not do it, I have thought my self bound in Conscience.

to Repair in some measure this my fault, and the Scandal that may fall on the Church openly to complain of so bold an Attempt, without few or no Presidents in this Kingdom; and implore the Kings Power and Authority against this bold Jesuite, that I may live in these Countries without always being afraid of my Life: And further, I do conceive my self Obligated in Duty to Declare, that I am not onely ready to make Oath of all that is above written, but that this also is what the said *St. Germin*, conferring with me, hath Attested to me.

I. That the King was a Catholick in his Heart.

II. That the Court was Endeavouring to get a Liberty of Conscience in *England* for the *Roman* Catholicks, and that Granted, that in two Years most of the *English* would Acknowledge the Pope.

III. That he knew the Kings Intention concerning Religion, and that he was sure he would Approve of all he should do in that Matter.

IV. That Laughed at the Parliament, it being a word onely that had but a little time, and no better welcome to the Court than me, he having great Intrigues with all the Nobility.

V. That it was good sometimes to force People to Swear, and that during 14 Moneths he had Persecuted a Man here in *London*, whom he had at last got again to his Party, and Obligated to make a Publick Recantation of the Protestant Faith before 200 Persons more.

VI. That there was an infinite Number of Priests and Jesuites hidden in *London*, that did God very good Service.

All these things will be Sworn to by Mr. *De Luzancy*, to have been Affirmed by the Jesuite *St. Germin*, who is the busiest Fellow among them against the Protestants, and many Persons of good Repute and Credit are ready to Justifie upon their Oaths, that several of the *Roman* Catholicks have spoken things quite as bad, if not worse.

The Jesuites finding that Mr. *De Luzancy*, instead of fulfilling his Promise they had extorted from him, had Preached on Sunday the 31st. of *October*, against the Pope, and had spoke something of the Proceeding towards him, a Letter was sent to him on the Second of *November* to his Chamber, as followeth.

"You are a Miserable Wretch left by God, that Preached on Sunday last as many Heresies as words; this is like a Renegado, an Apostate, and an Abominable Hugonot, Remnant of a Cloyster, without Honour, without Conscience; who having lost himself in *France* with a thousand Debaucheries, and committed there several Thefts and Roberies, is come hither to Renounce Christianity and Papistry for a piece of Bread; were you not amongst People as bad as your self, you had been already Burnt alive after the Blasphemies you have committed against God, the Pope, and the Jesuites: Do you think we do not know you, and that we have not means to seize on you? If you dare remain a Fortnight longer in *England*, you shall have marks thereof, that will make you Repent all the days of your Life, your not doing what we would have you do some weeks ago. Have a care of your self, Infamous Renegado.

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